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FEDERAL COURT FOR LIVE OAK.

At this session of congress Hon. Frank Clark will endeavor to secure an appropriation for a government building in this city, and as the ground has been purchased for that purpose, there is little or no doubt that the appropriation will be made.

As at present intended, the building will be constructed with a view to post-office purposes only, and in that event it will be comparatively small and the amount of the appropriation will be regulated accordingly. But there are good reasons why our city should have a larger structure, to be used for Federal court as well as postoffice purposes, as is the case in a majority of cities where there is a Federal building, and if the proper effort is made by our people, Mr. Clark will undoubtedly aid them to the full extent of his influence in securing an appropriation for the larger structure necessary for court as well as postoffice purposes.

The Federal court holds no session at any point between Tallahassee and Jacksonville, and here in Live Oak, the leading interior city of the State, midway between the two cities mentioned, is obviously the proper place for other sessions of that court. If the proper representations are made it is altogether probable that we can get a Federal court here, and our lawyers must be chiefly relied on to that end. They are familiar with the facts in the case and can put them with more force than any others in the community.

The Democrat suggests that an early

meeting of the Live Oak bar be called for this purpose and that definite steps be taken in the matter before the appropriation is fixed for a postoffice building only. It would be a large help to Live Oak in many ways to be made a Federal court city, as well as a convenience to citizens, and vigorous work on our part can land the prize.

The initial number of Pensacola's new daily afternoon paper, The Review, has been received and we give it cordial greeting. It is a 16-column, 8-page paper, and puts up a capital typographical front suggestive of an excellent meal prepared and served with a superior skill and art that lend additional zest to the appetite of the guest who sits down to enjoy it. From long experience we have learned never to make a critical estimate of a paper by its first issue, for it takes time to complete the adjustment of the many varied and often refractory parts, correct little faults here and there, and achieve the smoothness and perfection of detail sure to quickly come with such excellent management as the Review will have. Ben H. Thomas, the editor and manager, is a high-class, all-round newspaper man, an expert all along the line, and that he will put his new daily in the front rank of Florida journalism is practically sure. Sharp, sparkling, vigor and decision are marked characteristics of the first issue, and with an excellent staff, press dispatches, fine mechanical equipment and a good field, the Review starts out under bright and promising auspices. Mr. Thomas is fortunate in his selection of an associate editor, Miss Celia Myrover Robinson, a lady of strong and charming personality, rarely gifted, and whose pen and short stories are well known to readers of prominent periodicals in the large cities. She is an excellent newspaperwoman, familiar with practical details, and her fine touch is sure to add largely to the worth of Pensacola's new paper.

"Short Talks" of the Times-Union, referring to the suggested revival of the Daily Democrat, is kind enough to say:

"The daily would be the best thing for Live Oak and Suwannee county that could happen, and the press of the State would welcome its advent with great pleasure."

The next big number on the program here in Florida is the annual meeting of the State Educational Association at Deland on Dec. 28. It is a gratifying fact that a great deal of the enthusiasm is put into this meeting every year and that from all parts of Florida the teachers, principals, superintendents, college presidents and others interested in the great cause are present by hundreds to discuss educational themes, plan for improved methods, and receive new strength and inspiration at a common fountain for the arduous but glorious work in which they are engaged. The meeting at Deland this month promises to be the best ever held, both in point of attendance and enthusiasm.

A dispatch from Roanoke, Va., announces the recent marriage in that city of Judge W. A. Becker, of the supreme court of Florida, to Miss Nettie Glover. As Judge Becker is a gentleman of admirable and discriminating taste and judgment, the Democrat congratulates him upon his union with a most excellent and charming lady. Being a Virginian and the choice of Judge Becker, she could not be otherwise; and with better personal knowledge of the subject in the matter of the groom, we do most cordially congratulate the bride upon her marriage to one of the best men in the world. We know him well. He is a Virginian of the Virginians, strong in brain, soul and body, a stalwart and noble type, which, unhappily for the good of mankind and the best interest of the world, is not nearly so numerous as in a former generation. Virginia gave him to Florida years ago, and Florida rated him with such true precision and just appreciation that she put him on her supreme bench and will keep him there as long as he wants to stay. As citizen, friend and jurist he is as nearly as ideal character as we have ever known, and in his marriage we trust that he has secured a new lease of happiness that will last forever.

Congress convened last Monday, with old Joe Cannon in the middle, and when he gets quiet and ready he'll permit his 2 of the circus to adjourn. Insurgents or no insurgents, old Joe will continue to do as he pleases and crack his whip with his old-time mastery of the situation.



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A few days ago the people of St. Lucie county voted to bond the county to the amount of \$300,000, the money to be expended in building a system of hard-surfaced roads. That money well laid out will solve the road problem once for all, and put St. Lucie right in the front rank of the progressive counties of Florida. We take it that the people of St. Lucie are of a high class, educated to the point of broad thinking on public questions.

Recently Pensacola issued street improvement bonds to the amount of \$100,000 and put them on the market. They didn't have to be peddled in New York or any other distant money center, but Col. Flournoy, the well-known DeFuniak lawyer, promptly bought the whole issue and paid nearly par for them. A fine example that. There is plenty of money in the South for the Southern people to buy their own securities and keep both interest and principal at home. A stupendous sum of money from this section goes North every year to pay interest on bonds, and it is entirely reasonable to believe that it was practicable to have kept much the larger part of this money at

home. When outsiders have sufficient faith in us and are glad to buy our bonds as a good investment, home capital ought to see the point and try to get in first, as Col. Flournoy did.

We are glad that Bro. Hare, of the DeSoto County News, put the temptation behind him to be a candidate for railroad commissioner, and prefers his post of honor and usefulness as editor of one of the best weekly papers in Florida. He would make a good commissioner, but he is entirely too good where he is to be spared from the State press, and he'll be needed for more important work than regulating (or rather, trying to regulate) freight rates, during the coming year.

The Tribune and the Times, Tampa's two fine daily papers, don't often get together on any proposition, but they seem to be working together in double harness very nicely in support of the re-election of Senator Taliaferro.

The president's message to congress, sent in Tuesday, contained 17,000 words. Big Big is too prolix. With this scathing comment we dismiss the subject.

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